GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1099
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2007
PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES OF MINI -ANGANWADI CENTRES
Krishnadas Shri N.N.;Kumar Shri Shailendra;Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action on the report of the Review Committee for examining current levels of honorarium and other related issues of Anganwadi Workers & Helpers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a disparity in the respective remunerations of the workers of Anganwadi & Mini-Anganwadi centers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remove such disparity;

(e) whether the Government proposes to revise the status of Mini-Anganwadi Centres; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The Report of the Review Committee, constituted for examining the current levels of honorarium and other related issues of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs), is under consideration of the Government.

(c &(d) As distinct from regular Anganwadi Centre(AWC), Mini-Anganwadi Centre(Mini AWC) is set up in habitation / settlement having population of 150-500 in rural areas and 150- 300 in tribal/ riverine/ desert, hilly and other difficult areas. Since a mini AWC covers fewer number of beneficiaries as compared to a regular AWC, the honorarium paid to AWW engaged in Mini-AWC is Rs.500/- p.m. whereas, it is,on an average, Rs.1000/- per month, in case of AWW in a regular AWC.

(e)&(f) Till the year 2006, only one of the six services i.e. Supplementary Nutrition was being provided through Mini-AWCs. However, now all the six services under the ICDS Scheme are being provided from Mini-AWCs also.